Mr. J. John Kattakayam: ഇതിന്റെ പ്രാരംഭാലോചന മദ്രാസ് ഗവണ്മെൻറിൽ നിന്നാണോ അതോ നമ്മുടെ ഗവണ്മെൻറിൽ നിന്നാണോ നടത്തിയത്?

Mr. K. Madhava Kurup : മലിരാശി ഗവണ്മെൻറിൽ നിന്നുമാണ്.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam : അങ്ങിനെ മദ്രാസ് ഗവണ്മെൻറിൽനിന്നും ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടതിനുശേഷം അവർതന്നെ അതുവേണ്ടെന്നു വയ്ക്കാനുള്ള കാരണമെന്താണ്?

Mr. K. Madhava Kurup : അറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ. അതു മലിരാശി ഗവണ്മെൻറിന്റെ കാര്യമാണ്.

List, by caste, of Secretariat staff.

9. * **Mr. E. P. Varghese**: Will the Government be pleased to state a caste-war list of the staff of the Huzur Secretariat, excluding the employees in the lower grade of the public service ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : A * statement of the staff belonging to the superior service is laid on the table.

Mr. E. P. Varghese: With reference to item No. 4 of the appendix may I know the post of the single Latin Catholic ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr.N. Kunjan Pillai: I believe he is a clerk.

Mr. E. P. Varghese : May I know whether he is a graduate ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr.N. Kunjan Pillai: I cannot answer that question now. I claim notice.

Plague at Alleppey.

10. * **Mr. J. John Kattakayam**: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the arrangements made by them for the prevention of the plague epidemic ;

(*b*) whether this disease has spread from Alleppey to other places ;

(*c*) the number of deaths due to plague ;

(*d*) how many were cured of the said disease ;

(*e*) the amounts spent by them for the prevention of the outbreak of plague ; and

(*f*) the measures now adopted for the destruction of rats ?

* Vide Appendix IV—page 14.

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Mr. K. Paramesvara Panickar : (*a*) Isolation and treatment of patients at the plague hospital, evacuation of the Market Ward of the town and destruction of the huts there, disinfection of all infected premises as well as all places used for storage of rice and other grains, destruction of rats and fumigation of rat-holes, inoculation, improvements to the sanitary arrangements in the town, particularly to the disposal of rubbish and nightsoil, education of the public on plague prevention by means of newspaper articles, pamphlets and lantern lectures and the opening of plague observation stations at all the inland exits from the town of Alleppey for disinfecting all grain and other goods likely to harbour rats and fleas passing out of Alleppey.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Twenty six.

(*d*) Three.

(*e*) Rs. 20,145-2-5 from the general revenues and Rs. 5,210-10-8 from the municipal revenues of Alleppey up to the end of Kanni 1112.

(*f*) Tapping, cyanogasing of rat holes and offering rewards at the rate of one chackram per rat for all rats dead or alive produced before the Special Plague Officer.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai (*Commerce and Industry South*): With reference to the answer to part (*f*), may I know why cats were not resorted to ? (*Laughter*)

Mr. K. Paramesvara Panickar : It is not possible for Government to answer that question.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : May I know from Government whether they are aware that an amount was sanctioned by the Police Commissioner to destroy cats that damaged their uniforms ?

Mr. K. Paramesvara Panickar: I claim notice, Sir.

Increase of pay of Arabic Munshis

11. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have issued any circular to the school authorities, calling for their objections, if any, to grant the prayer of Arabic Munshis in Vernacular schools for an increased scale of pay of Rs. 20-25 as is now being given to Sanskrit Munshis ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : The answer is in the negative.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam : സംസ്കൃത മുൻഷിമാരെപ്പോലെതന്നെ അറബി മുൻഷിമാർക്കു ൨൦ രൂപാമുതൽ ൨൫ രൂപാവരെ ശമ്പളം കൊടുക്കണമെന്നുള്ളതിനെപ്പറ്റി വല്ല ആലോചനയുമുണ്ടായിരുന്നുവോ ?

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